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SUBJ: REVIEW OF BEIRUT WEEKLY PRESS

1. FOL ITEMS FROM BEIRUT WEEKLY PRESS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO DEPT AND ADDRESSEE POSTS.

2. LEBANESE COMMUNIST PARTY (LCP) WEEKLY AL AKHBAR (AUG 4) CARRIED INTERVIEW WITH PFLP LEADER GEORGES HABBASH ON "CENTRAL ISSUES" FACING FEDAYEEN LEADERSHIP. HABBASH STATED PALESTINIAN LEADERSHIP SHOULD BE CONCERNED WITH (A) ESTABLISHING "REVOLUTIONARY PARTY" DEDICATED TO MARXISM-LENINISM, WITHOUT WHICH REVOLUTION CANNOT SUCCEED; (B) FORMING UNITED PALESTINE NATIONAL FRONT; (C) GAINING SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION OF MASSES; (D) EFFECTING ABOVE PROGRAMS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORY, WHERE AT LEAST FIFTY PERCENT OF PALESTINIANS LIVE. IN INTERVIEW, HABBASH ALSO LIKENED PRESENT SITUATION IN LEBANON TO THAT OF JORDAN IN SEP 1970, DENOUNCED AS IMPERIALIST PLOT PROPOSED PALESTINE STATE, AND REITERATED PFLP NON-UNCLASSIFIED

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INVOLVEMENT IN JAL HIJACKING.

3. IN ANOTHER ARTICLE AL AKHBAR BLAMED SYRIAN-LEBANESE BORDER CRISIS ON GOL, STATING HAD GOL POLITICAL POLICIES NOT DIFFERED FROM THOSE OF SARG, AND HAD GOL NOT BEEN HOSTILE TOWARDS PALESTINIANS AND SYRIANS IN LEBANON, BORDER WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN CLOSED. ARTICLE IN EFFECT SUGGESTED GOL GET IN STEP WITH SARG AND SOVS AS GOL NOT IN POSITION TO EXACT CONCESSIONS.

4. LEFTIST, PRC-SUBSIDIZED AD DOUSTOUR (AUG 6) NOTED TEN MIDDLE AND HIGH LEVEL LEADERS OF LCP, COMMUNIST ACTION ORGANIZATION, AND ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNISTS HAVE BECOME ACTIVE MEMBERS OF KAMAL JUMBLATT'S PSP IN ORDER TO MAKE IT MORE MARXIST". DUSTMOR ALSO SUGGESTED LIBYAN GOVT INVOLVED IN JAL HIJACKING, AND COMMENTED ACT NOT JUSTIFIED AND IF PALESTINIAN COMMANDO CAN'T CURB SUCH ACTIVITIES FATE OF RESISTANCE IS IMPERILED.

5. LEFTIST, PRO-ALGERIAN AL BALAGH (AUG 6) SUGGESTED LIBYA AND EGYPT CAN ONLY BE UNITED BY WAR--WITH ISRAEL. PRES SADAD HAS POWER TO TAKE WAR INITIATIVE, AND EXERCISING IT WOULD FORCE ARABS (ESPECIALLY EGYPT AND LIBYA) TO UNITE AS WELL AS TIE THEM TO FRIENDLY SOCIALIST CAMP.
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